



~~September 22, 2020~~ **October 5, 2020**

Announcement: The Fall 2020 Nomination & Voting Process is now open to fill vacant seats within the Central and South North Coast Resource Partnership (NCRP) Districts *(Due Dates Extended due to regional Fires changes highlighted)*

To: Tribal Council, and Natural Resource / EPA / THPO Departments -

The North Coast Resource Partnership (NCRP) is now accepting Nominations from Tribes in the Central and South Districts of the North Coast **until November 30, 2020** in order to fill four (4) vacant positions in the governance structure of the North Coast Integrated Regional Water Management group.

You are invited to identify one Voting Delegate & to provide Nominations for Tribal Representatives & Alternates for vacant seats to guide decision-making within the North Coast Resource Partnership.

There are new opportunities for North Coast Tribes through the NCRP. Together, with North Coast Tribes and local agencies, we are developing a North Coast Regional Forest and Fire Plan inclusive of Tribal management of forest and fire resiliency. In 2021 Tribal Representatives will choose the second round of water management Proposition 1 IRWM Implementation grant awards. Tribal Representatives will also continue to guide the Tribal capacity-building and technical assistance program of the NCRP.

Together the twelve (12) Tribal North Coast Representatives represent over 34 North Coast Tribes in collaborative regional water management with other Tribes, counties, cities, state agencies, non-profits and other regional stakeholders. There are four seats currently available for new Tribal Representatives.

The following are the open positions:

- Central District: One (1) seat of the Policy Review Panel (PRP)
One (1) seat of the Technical Peer Review Committee (TPRC)
- South District: One (1) Alternate seat of the Policy Review Panel (PRP)
One (1) Alternate seat of the Technical Peer Review Committee (TPRC)

We hope that you will assist us in nominating and selecting the New Tribal Representatives in a 3 part process:

- I. To appoint a **Voting Delegate**, and if you choose to **Nominate a Representative** provide:
 - 1) A **completed ‘Nomination Form’** to nominate a Tribal Representative and/or Alternate, and to appoint your Voting Delegate. *See attached.*
 - 2) A **Tribal Resolution** supporting your nominee(s) and confirm your Voting Delegate.

In order to be eligible for consideration by the perspective Tribes in your voting District **these two documents are due by November 30, 2020** by email at: sherri@cieaweb.org *
For the Tribal Resolution, if scheduling of Tribal Council meetings is outside of this nomination and voting schedule, please contact us to make arrangements before the due date; an interim letter may be able to be accepted.

To confirm which voting District your Tribe is within please see the list of Tribes per District on the last page of the attached document titled **“Fall 2020 Tribal Selection & Representation Process for Tribal Representation within the NCRP”**

- II. To prepare for Representative selection, **your Voting Delegate will be contacted by December 3, 2020 with the list of Representative Nominees** for the vacant Alternate PRP and TPRC seats in your particular District (Central or South).
- III. **Your Voting Delegate will attend the December 9, 2020 NCRP Tribal Representative Meeting** by phone and by consensus choose from those nominated to fill the vacant seats.
- IV. **New Tribal Representatives should prepare to attend the NCRP Quarterly Meeting on December 11, 2020**, by phone.

While it is not required that each Tribe nominate a Representative,
we do recommend that you appoint a Voting Delegate to assist in selecting your regional representatives on December 9, 2020

Nomination Forms and Tribal Resolutions must be received by November 30, 2020.*

NCRP Tribal Representative Commitment

Serving on the PRP or TPRC requires a commitment of travel expenses and time. For a full list of PRP & TPRC Representative Roles and Responsibilities please see the attached ‘Tribal Representation Process’ document.

Please do not be deterred by travel expenses should you wish to nominate a representative for PRP or TPRC positions. We have secured some financial support for those Tribes who require travel in order to participate. Please contact us to inquire about this support or to express capacity-building needs that would support your ability to nominate a Representative.

Additional Requirements

A Memorandum of Mutual Understanding (MoMU) needs to be signed by the Tribes that nominated the selected PRP and TPRC members before our next Quarterly NCRP PRP/TPRC Meetings in mid-January 2021. The MoMU is a non-binding agreement that governs participation in the North Coast IRWMP and can be found here:

http://northcoast.habitatseven.work/site/assets/uploads/2018/04/Final-NCIRWMP-Revised-MOMU_att-2.pdf.

The NCRP also requires that all PRP and TPRC members formally adopt the North Coast IRWM Plan by mid-January 2021. This is also a requirement of applicants to receive IRWM funding.

The IRWM Plan can be found on the NCRP website at:

https://northcoastresourcepartnership.org/site/assets/uploads/2020/02/NCRP_Plan_IV_January_2020.pdf.

For More Information

See the attached ‘Nomination & Voting Form’ and the ‘Tribal Representation Process’ document for more details on the Nominating and Voting Process, to identify which District you are in, and the requirements of PRP and TPRC Tribal Representatives. The California Indian Environmental Alliance (CIEA) is the NCRP Tribal Engagement Coordinator, assisting the Tribal Representatives to coordinate Tribal participation in the NCRP, increase Tribal engagement and support through the DACI Program, and seek funding through the IRWM Program and other upcoming funding mechanisms. For more information about Tribal Engagement in the NCRP, the benefits of participation and upcoming activities contact Sherri Norris at CIEA by email sherri@cieaweb.org or phone at 510 334-4408.

To learn more about the North Coast Resource Partnership visit the NCRP website: <http://www.northcoastresourcepartnership.org/>. It is highly recommended that you sign up on the website, (unless you already have) to receive announcements regarding funding opportunities, regional/local events, North Coast News and providing input into the North Coast IRWM Plan. To sign up, click on ‘Sign Up for Email Updates’ at the bottom of the home page or send us an email to ask us to add you.

On behalf of the NCRP Tribal Representatives thank you for your time and participation in this process!

If you have any questions or would like us to provide a presentation about the NCRP or Proposition 1 IRWM funded program and upcoming funding opportunities please contact us.

Respectfully,

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